

## House Resolution 1073

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Jordan of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Sinkfield of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Glanton of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Johnson of the 75<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mrs. Jewel C. Scott as a Notable Woman of Achievement in observance of  
2 Women's History Month; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jewel C. Scott has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable  
4 hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as  
5 evidenced dramatically by her superlative service as District Attorney for Clayton County;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, a graduate of Mercer University Law School, Mrs. Scott has been practicing  
8 law since 1984, and she is a member of the Bar in Georgia, New York, Jamaica, and the  
9 Turks and Caicos islands; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Scott has a variety of legal experience in both criminal and civil matters,  
11 working for the New York City Office of Legal Affairs, Atlanta Legal Aide Society, Inc.,  
12 and in private practice; and

13 WHEREAS, she holds the distinction as the first female and the first African American  
14 district attorney elected to serve Clayton County, and since her election to office in 2004, she  
15 has initiated one of the most effective and aggressive victim assistance programs in the state  
16 and has achieved 100 percent conviction rates for murder, child molestation, child abuse, and  
17 rape cases; and

18 WHEREAS, during her tenure as Clayton County District Attorney, Mrs. Scott has  
19 successfully removed illegal massage parlors in Clayton County, dramatically increased the  
20 total number of cases handled by the office from 8,500 in 2004 to 10,084 at the end of 2007,  
21 substantially increased child support collections, and instituted a proactive approach to  
22 fighting gang related violence and crimes; and

23 WHEREAS, in 2005, she started the county's first deferred prosecution program with a goal  
24 of lowering trial caseloads and applying corrective programs to rehabilitate nonviolent first  
25 offenders using community service, restitution payment, anger management counseling, drug  
26 and alcohol treatment, domestic violence counseling, GED completion, and vocational  
27 training methods; and

28 WHEREAS, Mrs. Scott has demonstrated a record of justice, respect, integrity, and  
29 professionalism that has earned her the respect and admiration of her staff and colleagues;  
30 and

31 WHEREAS, as Women's History Month, March, 2009, is set aside to celebrate and honor  
32 those women who have contributed their time and talents to the betterment of this state and  
33 this nation, it is only fitting and proper that Mrs. Scott be recognized on this highly  
34 significant occasion.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body commend Mrs. Jewel C. Scott for the significant contributions and  
37 impact she has made on the lives of Clayton County residents and recognize her as a Woman  
38 of Achievement in observance of Women's History Month.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Jewel C. Scott.